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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
DWPI, IPC: B01D 57/02, G01N 27/- & keywords: electrophore; membrane, barrier, film; support, cassette, manifold, retain, carrier, holder and similar words; flow; direct, channel, transvers, perpendicular, cross, opposite, oppos; stack, join, connect, plural, multiple

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, A	US 6607644 B1 (APFFEL JR.) 19 August 2003 See the entire document, in particular Figs 3A & 3B	
A	WO 2000/013776 A1 (GRADIPORE LIMITED) 16 March 2000 See the entire document, in particular Figs. 7-13 & Pages 7-11	
A	US 2003/0019753 A1 (OGLE et al) 30 January 2003 See the entire document, in particular Figs. 6-10	
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WO	0013776	AU	60689/99	CA	2343208
		US	6328869	US	2002023842
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